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SUBJECT: GSDR DROUGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER VISITS US

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1. IBRAHIM MEGAG SAMANTAR, GSDR EX-SEC STATE FOR PLANNING AND CURRENT ADVISOR TO SRC ECON. COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF CENTRAL DROUGHT COMMITTEE DEPARTED MOGADISCIO ON JAN. 22 FOR UNDP 19TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK. WE UNDERSTAND SAMANTAR WILL HELP SUPPORT SOMALI REQUEST FOR US \$2 MILLION ALLOCATION FROM UNDP PROGRAM RESERVE (REF. A).

2. FOLLOWING HIS NEW YORK VISIT, SAMANTAR WILL VLSIT IBRD IN WASHINGTON. DATE OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN AT PRESENT BUT WE ASSUME AMB. ADDOU WILL BE PRIVY TO SAMANTAR'S PLANS.

3. AT AIRPORT, JAN. 22, VP KULMIE ASKED US IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SAMANTAR TO TALK WITH REP. ANDERSON, WHO VISITED MOGADISCIO JAN. 17 - 19 AND IS CURRENTLY IN KINSHASA, OR TALK WITH OTHER CONGRESSMEN AND USG OFFICIALS DURING HIS WASHINGTON STAY. WE TOLD KULMIE WE WOULD ADVISE DEPT OF SAMANTAR'S VISIT AND ATTEMPT ARRANGE FOR SAMANTAR TO MEET WITH ANDERSON -- SCHEDULE PERMITTING -- AND OTHER CONGRESSMEN AND US OFFICIALS.

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4. SAMANTAR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL OCCASION FOR DEPT. AND AID/W TO BETTER ASSESS SOMALI DROUGHT SITUATION, IMPACT ON ECONOMY AND GSDR RELIEF PLANS. SAMANTAR IS INTELLIGENT, US-EDUCATED, AND LEFTIST. HE HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN DROUGHT ORGANIZATION. HE ACCOMPANIED AID/PHA/FDRC OFFICER CLARY TO DROUGHT AREAS IN DECEMBER. WE WOULD HOPE SAMANTAR WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT WITH USAID AND STATE OFFICIALS.

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